



Subject:	Summer schemes for children with additional needs
Date:	11 June 2024
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues																																	
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to outline the funding recommendations of the Area Based Working Groups to organisations which will deliver Summer Scheme activities for children with additional needs.</p> <p>Officers attended each of the Area Based Working Groups and presented reports explaining the detailed engagement with the sector and recommended providers in each area. The recommendations were agreed in the north, south and west Area Based Working Groups, the east Area Based Working Group did not have a quorum and this report seeks to ensure appropriate elected member approval to enable Letters of Offer to be issued.</p>																																	
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	Background information																																	
3.1	A report proposing enhanced summer scheme provision was brought to the February 2024 meeting of the People and Communities Committee and an amount of £80,000 was agreed to support provision across each of the four areas of the city with decisions to be approved through the Area Based Working Groups.																																	
3.2	Officers attended the February/March Area Based Working Groups to discuss any potential models suggested by elected members and to engage around local organisations which may be in a position to enhance provision over the summer period. Officers then engaged with the sector and presented recommendations to the May/June Area Based Working Groups.																																	
3.3	<p>The table below represents the approved providers from the North, West and South Area Working Groups. We were not able to gain approval from East Belfast due to not having enough quorum at the meeting.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area, Date of meeting</th> <th>Provider</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South, 20 May 2024</td> <td>Sólás</td> <td>£12,480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South, 20 May 2024</td> <td>Belvoir ASD Support Group</td> <td>£7,520</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North, 28 May 2024</td> <td>174 Trust</td> <td>£6,725</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North, 28 May 2024</td> <td>Cedar Lodge School</td> <td>£13,771</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West, 5 June 2024</td> <td>Kids Together</td> <td>£9,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West, 5 June 2024</td> <td>St. Gerard's School</td> <td>£8,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West, 5 June 2024</td> <td>Snowflakes</td> <td>£2,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East, 6 June 2024</td> <td>Ledley Hall Trust</td> <td>£8,538</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East, 6 June 2024</td> <td>Mencap</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£78,584</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area, Date of meeting	Provider	Amount	South, 20 May 2024	Sólás	£12,480	South, 20 May 2024	Belvoir ASD Support Group	£7,520	North, 28 May 2024	174 Trust	£6,725	North, 28 May 2024	Cedar Lodge School	£13,771	West, 5 June 2024	Kids Together	£9,100	West, 5 June 2024	St. Gerard's School	£8,100	West, 5 June 2024	Snowflakes	£2,800	East, 6 June 2024	Ledley Hall Trust	£8,538	East, 6 June 2024	Mencap	£10,000			£78,584
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3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>An amount of £80,000 is approved through Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to support this programme.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This decision will impact positively on access to summer scheme provision for children with additional needs.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices</p>
4.1	<p>None</p>